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ARI REPORTS VALUE OF UNITARY AIR-CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT $5.2 BILLION DURING 1982

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA -- The installed value of unitary air-conditioning equipment in the United States during 1982 decreased by 12.31% from the 1981 installed value, the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute reported recently.

Installed value of unitary equipment reached 5,204,164,136 down from the 1981 figure of 6,081,899,749.

Commercial installation accounted for $1,875,735,504 of the total while residential unitary installed value came to $3,328,428,632, according to estimates compiled by ARI's Business Research Department from information supplied by manufacturers.

"Installed value covers not only the cost of unitary air-conditionier as shipped from the factory, but also labor, ductwork, registers and grilles, thermostatic and other controls, electrical wiring and other componenets of the system which is engineered by the contractor or dealer.

"Unitary" represents the equipment used in most central residential installations plus some commercial and industrial installations which use packaged equipment.

The totals below show the growth of the unitary air-conditioning market over the past 27 years, particular central residential installations:

ESTIMATED INSTALLED VALUE OF UNITARY AIR-CONDITIONERS

YEAR	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	TOTAL
1956	$ 174,011,400	$ 290,796,100	$ 464,807,500
1957	176,230,800	226,582,300	402,813,100
1958	204,602,850	219,489,200	424,092,050
1959	266,675,850	283,136,700	549,812,550
1960	318,477,150	312,648,350	631,125,500
1961	338,139,000	280,286,300	618,425,300
1962	408,623,850	345,652,300	754,276,150
1963	451,360,800	390,610,800	841,971,600
1964	532,020,800	464,249,600	996,270,400
1965	632,567,600	543,029,600	1,175,597,200
1966	718,252,000	671,604,400	1,389,856,400
1967	783,604,000	749,020,000	1,532,624,000
1968	950,191,600	834,616,000	1,784,807,600
1969	1,295,766,400	981,417,200	2,277,183,600
1970	1,360,817,315	986,784,758	2,347,602,073
1971	1,649,497,029	1,095,759,074	2,745,256,103
1972	2,163 792,878	1,352,464,750	3,516,257,628
1973	2,582,223,238	1,570,293,453	4,152,516,691
1974	2,433,902,714	1,477,470,080	3,911,372,974
1975	1,791,216,492	1,164,231,182	2,955,447,674
1976	2,683,372,806	1,437,146,797	4,120,519,603
1977	3,264,487,814	1,541,671,701	4,806,159,515
1978	3,940,958,613	1,587,475,305	5,528,433,918
1979	3,990,624,988	1,945,812,933	5,936,442,921
1980	3,355,429,440	1,830,580,224	5,186,009,644
*1981	3,795,551,720	2,268,348,029	6,081,899,749
1982	3,328,428,632	1,875,735,504	5,204,164,136

* Revised figures